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From: Creger, Tim [tim.creger@nebraska.gov]
Sent: 3/26/2019 7:44:29 PM
To: Green, Jamie [Green.Jamie@epa.gov]
Subject: Need to talk to you about disposal of treated seed and the AltEn plant at Mead

Jamie,

We have been actively engaged with NDEQ about an ethanol plant at Mead by the name of AltEn. They are using treated seed corn to produce ethanol, then land applying the DDG wet cake as a soil conditioner we registered last fall. The stuff is heavily contaminated with pesticides, and NDEQ is taking dozens of complaints from all sorts of people complaining about the odor, toxicity to wildlife and domestic animals, water quality, etc. Apparently the director of NDEQ is working on a report to your RA, and we are trying to participate as best we can, but are having some issues due to a weak soil conditioner law and questionable jurisdiction of a treated article under our state pesticide act.

I would like to find out if you are aware of any internal discussions in your office about this, and whether CID is involved. We have the potential for numerous state and federal laws being involved, and a general manager at AltEn who is also an attorney that likes to behave like a bully when it comes to compliance and lobbying state legislators.

I'm stepping away from my office for the next hour, but if you have time tomorrow morning, please give me a shout on the phone (I won't be into work until about 8:15).

Thanks,

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